

# International Statement of Support for the PATHWAY Act of 2007 (H.R. 1713)

Signatures as of April 24, 2007

We, the undersigned represent a diverse group of regional, national, community- and faith-based organizations and individuals from around the world working to end the HIV/AIDS pandemic. We are united in our commitment to ending the spread of HIV and the suffering caused by AIDS-related illnesses through policies and programs that simultaneously promote basic individual human rights and public health. We are further committed to comprehensive, evidence- and rights-based HIV prevention programs that simultaneously address the root causes of vulnerability to HIV infection, such as gender-based violence, stigma and discrimination, and offer comprehensive interventions that ensure that all individuals at immediate or potential risk—women, men, adolescents and young adults—have access to the information, skills-training, and methods—including male and female condoms—needed to practice safer sex.

We therefore strongly support the Protection Against the Transmission of HIV for Women and Youth Act of 2007 (PATHWAY Act), H.R. 1713, introduced to the U.S. Congress in March 2007 by U.S. Congresswoman Barbara Lee and Congressman Christopher Shays. We support the PATHWAY Act's efforts to establish a comprehensive HIV prevention strategy to address the vulnerabilities of women and girls for each country for which the United States provides assistance to combat HIV/AIDS. We also support eliminating the mandate that requires a minimum of one-third of prevention funds to be spent on abstinence-until-marriage programs. Removing this requirement would ensure that U.S. funds are used to support the most effective strategies to prevent the greatest number of HIV infections among individuals at risk.

We applaud the generosity and leadership taken by the United States in allocating \$15 billion towards HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care through the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). We are, however, profoundly concerned about the devastating implications for the spread of HIV infection in our countries of restrictions levied on prevention funding under PEPFAR. These restrictions undermine basic public health and human rights principles and local decision-making power and autonomy in crafting HIV prevention strategies that respond to local needs by dictating solutions to local problems from afar. The implications are clear: recent data already suggest an upturn in HIV infections in Uganda, a country in which U.S. restrictions and U.S. funding have had the greatest influence to date. The reversal of previous gains cannot be condoned.

We believe passage of the PATHWAY Act is a critical first step in correcting misguided prevention policies being imposed on countries by the United States in exchange for funding of prevention activities.

Signed:

## Organization

"Oui à la vie"  
30 NGOs of the Population Development & RH NGO Network  
Action Aid Nepal  
Action Canada for Population and Development  
Action Health Incorporated  
ActionAid  
ActionAid USA  
AFPPD  
Africa Groups of Sweden / Afrikagrupperna  
AIDES  
AIDS and Society Research Unit, University of Cape Town  
AIDS Cell, Ibn Sina Academy  
ALCS  
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## Country

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Alternatives-Cameroun	Cameroon
Amanitare (The African Partnership for Sexual & Reproductive Health & Rights for Women & Girls)	Africa region
ARBEF(Rwanda Family Welfare Association)	Rwanda
arepp: Theatre for Life	South Africa
ASPIRE	Trinidad + Tobago
Association de Lutte Contre les Violences Faites aux Femmes	Cameroon
Association for Socio-Economic Development (ASED Habigonj)	Bangladesh
Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID)	México
Australian Reproductive Health Alliance	Australia
Catolicas por el Derecho a Decidir, A.C. (CDD-Mexico)	Mexico
CEASOL	Argentina
Center for Health Education Prevention And Research (CHEPAR)	Cote D'Ivoire
Centre for Applied Legal Studies	South Africa
Centre for Healthworks, Development and Research (CHEDRES)	Nigeria
Child Relief Integrated Social Action (CRISA)	India
CHOICE for Youth and Sexuality	Netherlands
Club Scientifique de la Faculté des Sciences Médicales	Algeria
Community Health and Education Foundation	Nigeria
Czech AIDS Help Society	Czech Republic
Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung (DSW)	Germany
Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund	United Kingdom
Doctors to Children	Russian
Elton John AIDS Foundation	United Kingdom
Empower Foundation	Thailand
Engender	South Africa
Equilibres & Populations	France
Federation of Female Nurses and Midwives of Nigeria (FENAM)	Nigeria
Finnish Aids Council	Finland
Fometro (Fonds Médical Tropical)	Belgium
Fondation Femme Plus	Democratic Republic of the Congo
For All Consultoria	Brazil
Foundation for Integrated AIDS Research (FIAR)	United States
French Family Planning Movement	France
Fundacion Prosalud	Chile
Georgian Plus Group	Georgia
GESTOS- Soropositivity, Communication and Gender Issues	Brazil
Grupo de Información en Reproducción Elegida (GIRE)	Mexico
GTZ - German Technical Cooperation	India
Health Support Organization; ASAI-PSP	Cameroon
Health Unlimited	United Kingdom
Hopers Foundation	India
IMENA+	Russia
Initiative for Health, Equity & Society	India
Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology of Tay Nguyen	Vietnam
Interact Worldwide	United Kingdom
Interafrican Union for Human Rights	Burkina Faso
International Broadcasting Trust	United Kingdom
International Community of Women living with HIV/AIDS (ICW Global)	Spain

International Council of Jewish Women  
 International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission  
 International HIV/AIDS Alliance  
 International Planned Parenthood Federation/Western Hemisphere  
 Ipas  
 Jeevankarunya Trust  
 KAIPPG Kenya  
 Kenya Medical Association  
 Kiribati Family Health Association  
 Living Hope Care for PLWHA Society  
 Magnificat Environment Association  
 Malaysian AIDS Council  
 Merlin  
 MYSU (Mujer y Salud en Uruguay)  
 Nareer Jonno Foundation NJF  
 NaSoMa  
 National Forum of PLHA Networks in Uganda (NAFOPHANU)  
 Nava Kiran Plus  
 Naz Foundation Trust  
 Nehru Yuva Mandal, Pipauri  
 Nepal Plus  
 NEPWHAN OSUN  
 Network of People Living With HIV/AIDS (RBP+)  
 Network of Zimbabwean Positive Women (NZPW+)  
 New Sudanese Indigenous NGOs Network  
 New Young Star Club  
 NGO OFSAD  
 North East Network  
 North Eastern Drug/HIV Training Centre, Dimapur  
 OIDAHA  
 One in Nine Campaign  
 ONG Espace Confiance  
 Organization for Social Development of Unemployed Youth  
 PASSAGE "Association for Protection of Drug Users Rights"  
 Philippine NGO Support Program, Inc (PHANSuP)  
 Plan International UK  
 Positive Lives  
 Positive Women's Network  
 Rainbo  
 Raising Voices  
 Rakai Health Science Program  
 Recovering Group  
 Red Argentina de Mujeres Viviendo con VIH/SIDA  
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 RESPECT  
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 RFSU (Swedish Association for Sexuality Education)  
 Rural Development Afforestation Society  
 Rural Development&Social Wefare Council

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 Save the Children Denmark  
 Save the Children Sweden  
 Sexuality Policy Watch  
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 Solidarite Chretienne Pour Le Developpement Integre  
 Soul Living Foundation  
 Spanish Interest Group on Population, Development and Reproductive Health  
 Stay Healthy Support Group  
 Stichting IDEA  
 Swedish Cooperative Centre  
 TAMPEP  
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 Victoria Advanced Pest Control  
 Victory Rural Development Society  
 Vision and Hope Foundation  
 Vizyon Dwa Ayisyen  
 Voices of Positive Women  
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 VSO  
 WGNRR  
 Women for Women's Human Rights (WWHR) -New Ways  
 Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children  
 Women's Dignity Project  
 Woodhull Freedom Foundation  
 World Population Foundation  
 World YWCA  
 Young Activists Against AIDS  
 Youth in Development Trust  
 Youth Incentives  
 Youth Vison Zambia  
 ZETA-12 Research Group  
 Zimbabwe AIDS Network

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